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Dear Harold,

Now I know why others warned me to stay away from you. Ah well, as you say, I guess I'd better be philosophical abbut this. Agere sequitur esse, as Aristotle and Acquinas used to say.

I'd be happy to provide you with dubs of the tapes I took when I had my happy visit with you last November. I don't know what they'd show, excppt that we had a long rambling conversation about many things, most of which I did not use in my piece, as finally edited by the assholes who edit Rolling Stone.

They are assholes: they have stiffed me on my payment for the piece which ran in their April 20 issue and I may have to sue them. Futhermore, they cut the piece all to hell and I am very unhappy about that. They almost cut the reference to your Whitewash IV, until I protested.

I spent two days in the National ARchives plowing through material there in November. Among the things I took notes on (and got a Xerox of) was the transcript of the January 27, 1964 meeting of the Warren Commission executive session (which I quote very liberally from in my Rolling Stone article). It's not plagiarism for me to quote something from the public record. I started taking notes from this transcript before I even saw or talked with Jim Lesar or you in my last November visit. I reported in early versions of my Rolling Stone piece how exactly you broke this transcript loose. I have copies of those. I cannot help it if the editors chopped some (or all) of that. Sue Rolling Stone if you are of a mind to sue. In fact, I'd be happy if you would, although I don't see how you could show damages when R.S. tells its readers where they can obtain Whitewash IV.

I don't know what you are talking about when you you cite malice on my part. Perhaps you could be more specific. I like you and admire your work and said so in my original versiion and I can prove it.

My continuing best regards,

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P.S. And you'd better be careful what you write or say about me, my professional ethics, etc. I am almost as litigious as you are!

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